

TEXAS TOWN TOPICS.

NEWS NOTES GATHERED BY POST REPORTERS.

A Young Preacher Assailed by a Giant-Sentinel Preacher Takes a Hand-District Court in Session A Crazy Negress' Act.

COMANCHE, December 18.—As a sequel to charges made by the Pioneer Examiner, in which that paper accused a prominent young preacher, Robert Baird, with circulating a libel, tonight a trial party, John J. Bates, assistant county clerk, assailed Baird, striking him over the head three or four times with a heavy walking cane. Baird is nothing but a boy and was totally unaware of the fact that Bates intended to assault him. Bates is about six feet seven inches and would almost make two of the slight boy whom he assailed with a cane. After Bates had pounded Baird over the head several times he was forced away by the bystanders, but continued to abuse Baird, who told Bates that he had nothing to take back. Bates raised his cane to strike Baird again, when Senator J. K. Freeman interfered and told Bates not to bother the boy any further. Freeman then proceeded to give Bates a few raps and knocked him off the sidewalk. More trouble is expected.

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AT THE STATE CAPITAL.

UNIVERSAL ECONOMY FOR SUNDAY'S POST.

The Mammoth Edition Highly Complimented—Train Robbers Plead Guilty to Seven Counts and Get Five Years on Each Case.

MILANO, December 18.—Mrs. C. Hanson, who has been absent for the past month visiting relatives in Louisiana, returned home yesterday.

Cotton shipments to date: Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe, 15 bales; Texas, 10 bales; Great Northern, 10 bales. Only a few bales remain in the country to be moved.

An election is announced for December 24 to determine whether or not an assessment of 20 cents shall be levied for school purposes. It is about evenly divided and will result in an unbuilding of this town.

Milano refuses to announce that December 24 they will give their second annual ball and at the same time have a Christmas feast of oysters, whiskey and roast pig. The boys all got such praise while at the Austin engagement that they are feeling good over it and are preparing to walk off with better notice next year.

A Christmas tree is also announced by the Sunday school with concert on eve of Dec. 24.

BASTROP TOPICS.

Interested in New Waterworks—The Gripping Prevalent—Personal.

BASTROP, Texas, December 18.—Representative citizens of Bastrop held a meeting at the residence of Mr. J. C. Giddings this morning to discuss the proposed new waterworks. The meeting was held at the residence of Mr. J. C. Giddings and was attended by a large number of citizens. The meeting was held at the residence of Mr. J. C. Giddings and was attended by a large number of citizens.

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Messrs. Harbroughs Bros., of Houston, are now receiving and opening their stock of hardware for their new store in Beville.

Captain Allen C. Jones will occupy his new residence on the corner of the big building this week. He will begin moving in on Saturday next.

Our merchants are all making a nice trade for their wares for the holiday trade.

Quite a number went from here on the Houston & Texas City railway to visit their merchants who are drawing a heavy business from this section. Their mammoth advertisements in the Post are read with a great deal of interest. The Post's readers are all interested in the big Houston concerns and their progress on the paper to see what is ahead this time. They want to look upon it as a friendly contest in the art of advertising.

VELASCO TOPICS.

Must Not Harbor Seamen Who Desert—Farm Worker.

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Keller denied having said anything of the kind, but in some way became excited and Jenkins knocked the "Dutch Kid" down, and gave him a severe beating. The best account that could be learned of the affair was from Ben Jenkins, who was in the room at the time the trouble occurred.

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THE DEATH ROLL.

C. E. Permenter.

Galveston, Texas, December 18.—Mr. C. E. Permenter, merchant, and his wife, died at their home at 10:30 p.m. today. He was about 50 years of age and was a native of Germany. He was a good citizen and was well known in the community.

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THE EDWARDS CASE.

Sherman, Texas, December 18.—Tonight Judge Sims overruled the motion for a new trial in the Ed Edwards case, and defendant's attorneys have notice of appeal.

The witnesses who are expected to arrive from Chicago to identify Dick Edwards as the man who killed Alice Martin in Chicago in 1892, have not yet arrived.

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Galveston, Texas, December 18.—Mr. C. E. Permenter, merchant, and his wife, died at their home at 10:30 p.m. today. He was about 50 years of age and was a native of Germany. He was a good citizen and was well known in the community.

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KNIVES WERE TRUMPS.

Galveston, Texas, December 18.—On Thursday night, December 15, a fight broke out between Ben Jenkins and Charles Keller. The fight was a rough one and both men were injured. The fight was a rough one and both men were injured. The fight was a rough one and both men were injured.

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THE EDWARDS CASE.

Sherman, Texas, December 18.—Tonight Judge Sims overruled the motion for a new trial in the Ed Edwards case, and defendant's attorneys have notice of appeal.

The witnesses who are expected to arrive from Chicago to identify Dick Edwards as the man who killed Alice Martin in Chicago in 1892, have not yet arrived.

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A Mistletoe Current.

Crockett, Texas, December 18.—The Mistletoe Current, a weekly paper, is now being published in Crockett. The paper is a good one and is well read in the community.

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COUNTRY COURT.

The following probate matters were disposed of today:

Estate of J. L. Durrah, deceased: executor granted leave to file demurrer to Mrs. L. Durrah's motion to correct inventory, to which leave applicant excepts, the ground of objection being that the inventory was not filed and executed before the demurrer was granted. The demurrer of executor was sustained, because of the above reasons.

To determine whether the property set up in applicant's motion, is community or separate property, to which applicant excepts in open court and gives notice of appeal and bond fixed in the sum of \$100.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Country Residence.

Tyler, Texas, December 18.—M. O. Meadows' home was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is estimated at \$10,000. The cause of the fire is not known.

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Confession in Colmest.

Colmest, Texas, December 18.—At 10:30 this morning the main block in North Colmest is on fire. The fire is very large and is spreading rapidly. The cause of the fire is not known.

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Big Lumber Fire.

Orange, Texas, December 18.—This morning at 10:30 a fire broke out in the lumber yard of the Lumber & Mill Company. The fire is very large and is spreading rapidly. The cause of the fire is not known.

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CIVIC SOCIETIES.

The Allee Lodges.

Allee, Texas, December 18.—The Knights of Honor Lodge No. 1284 held